

SENATE BILL 1329

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 14 and Title 49, relative to adult
education.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes that adult education is a vital component in the educational system in Tennessee and as such serves the 1,200,000 adults who lack a high school diploma or lack the basic skills necessary to function effectively in Tennessee's ever-changing workforce; and

WHEREAS, playing a vital role in economic development, adult education provides an avenue for these individuals to continue their education, enter post-secondary educational institutions, enhance their employment opportunities, and better provide for their families; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 14, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 4-3-1419.

In addition to any other duties specified by the department of labor and workforce development, the division of adult education in the department shall provide:

- (1) General educational development (GED) certificate testing fees for qualifying adults;
- (2) Program improvements to include part-time teacher salary adjustments;
- (3) Technology upgrades and other improvements deemed appropriate by the division; and
- (4) For all department-approved adult education programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.